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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

An adapter pod for use in a medical perfusion system having a data communications network with a plurality of connection points each having a substantially identical network connector, said adapter pod comprising:

a housing;

a common connector associated with said housing, said common connector adapted to be connected to one of said network connectors and having a connector configuration;

a device connector associated with said housing, said device connector being adapted to be connected to a perfusion device and having a connector configuration different than said connector configuration of said common connector;

a controller disposed within said housing, said controller being adapted to generate messages in the form of digital data packets.

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